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## SLSA SURF SPORTS MANUAL (33<sup>rd</sup> EDITION)

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### Summary

The SLSA Surf Sports Manual has been revised to reflect source document (Internet) changes made to competition rules since the 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Manual was published in 2004 and to make further changes to SLSA Competition Rules.

All changes to the Manual have been made by SLSA's Surf Sports Committee in consultation with the Board of Surf Sports, the Surf Sports Advisory and Athletes Committee, subject matter experts, members and other interested parties. The changes have been endorsed by the Australia Council.

### Detail of Changes by Section

The changes to Sections detailed herewith are in addition to the changes to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual already promulgated by way of Bulletin and include:

#### 1. Introduction

The manual will be called the "Surf Sports Manual" and it will be the 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition, September 2008.

The introductory wording has been reviewed by SLSA's legal advisors.

#### 2. Section 2 (General Conditions)

2.1 Section 2.2.1 (Competition Qualification) has been amended to read:

##### 2.2.1 Competition Qualification

- (a) *To be eligible to compete in any SLSA competition or to receive endorsement to enter ILS or ILS Member competition a SLSA Member must:*
- (i) *Be the holder of the appropriate SLSA Award (as detailed in the Competition Categories and Provisos section), or the equivalent overseas ILS Member country award.*
  - (ii) *Be SLSA proficient as prescribed for the relevant SLSA Award required for competition eligibility.*
  - (iii) *Be eligible under the necessary age category.*
  - (iv) *Have met their patrol commitments as required by their Club, Branch, State Centre and/or SLSA.*

- (v) *Not be in default with their Club, Branch, State Centre or SLSA (or overseas ILS Member Associations) in relation to their service, financial or discipline obligations.*
- (vi) *Have met any other competition eligibility qualification requirements for specific events e.g. IRB, Surf Boat (sweep), Patrol Competition.*

2.2 Section 2.19 (Starting of Events) has been amended to account for the introduction of the one start rule. The wording is:

**2.19 Starting of Events**

- (h) *The first competitor to leave their position on the starting line mark after the command “ready” and before the signal to commence shall be considered to have made a starting break infringement and a false start declared.*
- (i) *With the exception of competition up to and including the U/14 age category the first competitor who breaks shall be disqualified except in beach flag events where that competitor shall be eliminated. If one competitor false starts, others may follow. Any competitor who follows is not deemed to have false started.*
- (j) *In competition up to and including the age of U/14 one false start per race shall be allowed. The first competitor who breaks after the first false start has been declared shall be disqualified except in beach flags events where that competitor shall be eliminated. If one competitor false starts, others may follow. Any competitor who follows is not deemed to have false started.*

**Note:** *Irrespective of whether a false start occurred, if in the opinion of the Starter or the Check Starter, the start was not fair because of a technical defect or other matter not caused by competitors the Starter must recall the competitors and recommence the starting process.*

2.3 Section 2.22 (Finish of Events) has been clarified reflect the intent and it now reads in part:

**2.22 Finish of Events**

- (d) *Video playback and electronic recording is for use only by appointed SLSA Officials. Only at the Referee’s discretion will the viewing of video playback or other electronic recordings made by a competitor or a team manager be permitted.*

**3 Section 3 (Lifesaving Events)**

3.1 The resuscitation timing deduction schedules in Appendix A and Appendix B have been amended after consultation with the SLSA Director of Life Saving and the Athletes Representative to reflect progression of thought in this area.

The new sliding scale deduction schedule for resuscitation will be reflected in the Deduction Schedule for Appendix A of the Champion Lifesaver and Appendix B of the Patrol Competition. The amended Judging sheets which also contain some minor clarifications will be made available on the SLSA web site.

3.2 Timing Deduction Schedule:–

<i>Greater than 2:04.1+</i>	<i>4 point deduction</i>
<i>2:02.1 – 2:04</i>	<i>2 point deduction</i>
<i>2:00.1 – 2:02</i>	<i>1 point deduction</i>
<i>1:58 – 2:00</i>	<i>Nil deduction</i>
<i>1:56.0 – 1:57.9</i>	<i>1 point deduction</i>
<i>1:54 – 1:55.9</i>	<i>2 point deduction</i>
<i>1:52 – 1:53.9</i>	<i>3 point deduction</i>

Faster than 1:51.9

4 point deduction

- 3.3 A clarification is provided that questions in the theory section of both the Champion Lifesaver and Patrol Competition will be derived from any current SLSA Training Manual relevant to the minimum qualifications required for the event. There will be no change to the current time limits for the theory sections in either event.

**3.4.7 Practical Resuscitation (Champion Lifesaver)**

(k) The point system for judging this section is designed with an emphasis on judgement of fact. A maximum of 20 points each will be allocated for the two parts of this section. Points will be allotted with deductions as follows:

- Major faults (each) 4.0 points deduction.
- Minor faults (each) 0.5 points deduction.
- Timing deductions (manikin) 4, 3, 2, 1 or nil points deduction.

**3.5.12 Scenario Task Patrol Competition)**

(a) In the Open Event, all 6 members of the team shall contest this component of the event. In the U/17 Event all 4 members of the team shall contest this component of the event.

**Note:** The event scenario in Championship competition shall be judged over a total of 15 minutes with the following time periods:

- Set-up 3 Minutes
- Task 9 Minutes
- Pack-up 3 Minutes

(g) Teams will be provided with Patrol Log and Incident Report Form and any other equipment required for the scenario shall be made available by the organisers e.g. rescue equipment, stiff neck collars, signage, etc.

3.4 First Aid Competition

A set time for the scenario in Championship competition has been allocated for each age categories to provide scenario consistency for the event.

**3.6.2 Nature of First Aid Competition**

(a) Each First Aid competition event shall be held with a set simulated accident scenario and a set time limit for each team in the event. The time limit shall be advised to teams prior to the commencement of the event.

**Note:** The event scenario in Championship competition shall be judged over the following time periods:

- Open & U19 12 Minutes
- U17 8 Minutes
- U15 6 Minutes

**4. Section 4 (Swimming Events)**

4.1 A 2 Person Rescue Tube Rescue Race has been added to the Manual.

**Note:** At the current time it is not intended that SLSA introduce this event into Australian Championships but is an event that could be conducted as part of other SLSA competition.

**5. Section 5 (Surf Boat Events)**

5.1 Section 5.6 (c) (The Turn) has been rewritten to reflect a change to the “roll over rule”. The wording reflects a paramount focus on safety and reads:

### **5.2.5 The Turn**

- (c) *If a crew overturns its boat after completing the turn and before crossing the finishing line (or in the case of a dry finish, the runner completing the course) the crew may be permitted to continue in the race after ensuring the safety of all crew members who rounded the buoys in the boat.*
- (i) *This is to be demonstrated by all crew members who rounded the buoys regaining physical contact with their boat before the crew crosses the finish line (or in the case of a dry finish, the runner completing the course). Once this contact has been completed the crew may proceed to complete the race as described in “The Finish” section of this Manual.*
- (ii) *Only those crew members who rounded the buoy in the boat are eligible to assist their boat finish the race.*

## **6. Section 6 (Craft Events)**

- 6.1 Section 6.2.2 (Ski Race - Procedure) paragraphs (a) to (d) inclusive have been amended to provide for the option of a dry finish for ski races. The wording reflects the conduct of other events where dry finishes occur and is:

### **6.2.2 Procedure**

- (a) *The start shall be by having skis afloat and in line, with each competitor holding the ski ready to push off. A Check Starter should be positioned in the water and shall signal when the competitors are in line and ready to start. Any competitor who disregards the Starter or Check Starter’s directions shall be disqualified. The distance between skis at the start should be approximately 1.5 metres.*

**Note:** *If conditions are such that the starter cannot provide a fair start a dry start is to be effected.*

- (b) *On the starting signal from the Starter, the competitor should paddle their ski around all buoys and return to the finish line.*
- (c) *A wet finish placing shall be determined when any part of the ski crosses the finish line being ridden, gripped, or carried by the competitor.*

**Note 1:** *To correctly complete a race a competitor must have (or have regained) their ski and paddle and cross the finishing line from the seaward side whilst maintaining contact with their ski and paddle.*

**Note 2:** *A competitor may lose contact or control of their ski and/or paddle without disqualification and may recover a ski and/or paddle that have crossed the finish line and then again cross the finish line with their ski and paddle to correctly record a finish placing result.*

- (d) *A dry finish shall be determined when a competitor leaves their ski and paddle and runs across the finish line which is placed on the beach as per the diagram. The competitor may leave their craft and paddle at any time after the final buoy turn has been completed and must cross the line whilst remaining in an upright position on their feet.*

**Note 1:** *A competitor must paddle their ski (including paddle) around all the course buoys but shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey.*

**Note 2:** *At the finish of the event, competitors may be assisted by a Handler. A Handler shall not be considered to be a competitor but shall be required to:*

- (i) *Be a member of the same Club or team as the Competitors and be entered at the competition (exemption may be given by the Referee for a member of another Club or team to be a Handler provided that the Handler is entered at the competition).*
- (ii) *Wear a competition cap.*

- (iii) *Comply with all instructions of the Officials.*
- (iv) *Make every effort to ensure that they, or the equipment that they are handling, does not impede another competitor, otherwise both their Competitor and the Handler may be subject to disqualification.*

6.2 Section 6.3.2 (Double Ski Race - Procedure) paragraphs (a) to (f) inclusive have been changed to also provide for the option of a dry finish for double ski races. The event will be judged on the first competitor from a team to cross the line and with the second competitor (and/or a handler) assisting with the craft and paddles.

## **7. Section 9 (Beach Events)**

7.1 Section 9.1.2 (Beach Sprint – Procedure) has been amended to reflect the one start rule (as detailed in Section 2.19).

7.2 Section 9.2.2 (Beach Relay) has been further clarified with the removal of the reference in paragraph (e) (ii) to markings in the sand on the track or surrounding area.

7.3 Section 9.4.5 (b) (Beach Flags – Procedure) has been amended to remove the specific qualification re the digging in of the toes. The revised wording is:

### **9.4.5 Procedure**

(b) *When directed by the Starter, Competitors shall lie face down with their toes on the start line, heels or any part of the feet together, hands on top of each other with finger tips to wrist and with the head up. Elbows must be extended forward so that when in the heads down position, the chest lies flat on the sand. The hand, wrist, lower arm and elbow must be in straight alignment, parallel with the start line. The Competitors' bodies' midline should be approximately at 90 degrees to the starting line. Competitors may level, flatten and compress their starting area, but no scooping or digging of the sand is permitted. The Competitors shall then await the ready command "competitors ready" from the Starter.*

7.4 Section 9.4.6 (Beach Flags – The Start) has also been amended to reflect the one start rule.

## **8. Section 13 (Officials and their Duties)**

8.1 Section 13.24.4 (IRB Lane Judges) has been amended to reflect the duties required of officials resultant from the introduction of amended IRB rules in April 2008.

8.2 Section 13.24.5 (Course Judges) has been amended to reflect the duties required of officials resultant from the introduction of amended IRB rules in April 2008.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Surf Sports Manual will be posted on the SLSA Internet site forthwith and the rules contained in the Manual will be effective immediately.

A hard copy version of the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Manual is being printed and copies will be available for sales via Crea on SLSA's website at:

<http://www.slsa.asn.au>

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### **Further Information**

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